The Hawaii Department of Health Public Notice

The Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) invites the public to review and comment on a proposed cleanup of the former Waialua Sugar Mill site located in Waialua, Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi. Public comments on the proposed cleanup plan will be accepted from March 4, 2018 through April 6, 2018. You are also invited to attend a public meeting on March 15, 2018 in Waialua to learn more about the site investigations and the proposed cleanup actions, or to discuss the proposed action.

Soil and groundwater at the approximately 25-acre site are contaminated with chemicals as a result of historic commercial sugar mill operations. The site has been investigated and potential remedies have been evaluated under the HDOH Voluntary Response Program (VRP). Based on recommendations from the site environmental consultant, a proposed environmental remedy includes the construction of engineered caps, engineering or institutional controls, a Commercial/Industrial land use restriction on the site, reducing exposures to bare soils, properly managing future soil excavation projects, and a multi-year groundwater monitoring program.

Pursuant to Hawai'i Administrative Rules 11-451, a Draft Response Action Memorandum detailing this proposed remedy is available for public review and comment. HDOH is accepting comments on the Draft Response Action Memorandum for at least 30-days, after which HDOH will evaluate all comments received and make a final remedy selection decision for the site. A public meeting to present and discuss the site investigation and cleanup proposal will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the Waialua Elementary School - Cafeteria, 67-020 Waialua Beach Road, in Waialua, 6:00-8:00 PM.

The Draft Response Action Memorandum, as well as supporting documentation, is available for review online at the HDOH HEER Office website, http://hawaii.gov/doh/heer (see the What's New Section postings). The Draft Response Action Memorandum and supporting documentation may also be reviewed at the Waialua Public Library located at 67-068 Kealohanui Street, Waialua, Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi. To receive a fact sheet about the project, or to review detailed information regarding the project (including the Draft Response Action Memorandum) contact the Hawaii Department of Health, Mr. John Peard (808) 933-9921. Oral and written comments on the Draft Response Action Memorandum will be accepted through April 6, 2018. Written comments should be emailed to: Mr. John Peard, HDOH HEER Office, at randall.peard@doh.hawaii.gov or mailed to the attention of Mr. Peard at 2385 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, Hawaiʻi, 96782, or faxed to (808) 933-0400.